(b) in what manner the deferred retirement liabilities are proposed to be tackled; and

(c) whether Government are considering to revert back to 58 vears as retirement age?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL) : (a) and (b) At the time of raising the retirement age in 1998-99 an annual saving of Rs. 5200 crores was estimated on account of deferred retirement of Central Government employees. In Budget 2000-2001, a provision of Rs. 15,843 crores has been made on acoount of payment of pension and other retirement benefits. This covers both the old as well as the new retirees including Defence Services and non-commercial departments. In respect of commercial departments, the provision for the purpose has been made as part of their operating expenses.

(c) At present, there is no proposal to revert back to 58 years as the age of retirement of Central Government employees.

Withdrawal of Ban on Derivative Trading

3912. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY :

SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have withdrawn ban on derivatives trading;

(b) if so, what are the guidelines finalised for this;

(c) whether chances of malpractice have been looked into; and

(d) if so, how such loopholes are proposed to be plugged?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL) : (a) The Central Government has repealed its 1969 notification, which banned forward trading in securities, vide its notification dated 1st March, 2000.

(b) to (d) Exchange traded derivatives will begin with stock index futures trading. Such futures trading would take place under the current provisions of the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956, the Securities and Exchange

Board of India Act, 1992 and according to the recommendations of the Dr. L. C. Gupta Committee report on the regulatory framework for introduction of derivatives trading.

SEBI has intimated that various risk containment measures such as daily settlement margin, on-line monitoring of positions, value at risk concept, capital adequacy norms etc. will be put in place to ensure the safety and integrity of the derivatives markets.

Proposal for Higher Pay Scale for Officials of Central Secretariat Official Language Service

3913. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a proposal of the Minsitry of Home Affairs is pending to extend the higher pay scale of Rs. 7500-12000 to all the Assistant Directors of Central Seretariat Official Language Service;

(b) whether the pay scale of Senior Translators and Junior Translators are also proposed to be revised; and

(c) if so, by when a final decision is likely to be taken with regard to (a) and (b) above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL) : (a) to (c) As per the recommendation of the Fifth Central Pay Commission only 65 out of the existing 145 posts of Assistant Director in the Central Secretariat Official Language Service are to be placed in the higher replacement scale of Rs. 7500-250-12000. The remaining posts of Assistant Director are to be placed in the normal replacement scale of Rs. 6500-200-10500. Junior Hindi Translators and Senior Hindi Translators are to be placed in the normal replacement scales of pay of Rs. 5000-8000 and Rs. 5500-9000 respectively. The said recommendation of the Fifth Central Pay Commission was accepted and notified in the Central Civil Services (Revised Pay) Rules, 1997 dated 30th September, 1997. The Ministry of Home Affairs has sent a proposal recommending the pay scales of Rs. 6500-200-10500 and Rs. 5500-175-9000 for the posts of Senior Hindi Translators and Junior Hindi Translators respectively. There is no decision to depart from the said recommendation of the Fifth Central Pay Commission and to extend the higher replacement scale to all these posts in the Central Secretariat Official Language Service.